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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION

REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In the Office Action mailed August 11, 2004, the Examiner restricts the claims into two Groups, Group I (claims 1-10 and 23-32) and Group II (claims 11-22 and 33-44).

In response to the Office Action, Applicant elects Group I, claims 1-10 and 23-32, drawn to tracking carded players at gaming tables, with traverse.

An Office Action on the merits is respectfully requested.

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CONCLUSION

If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at 451-576-0200.

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